

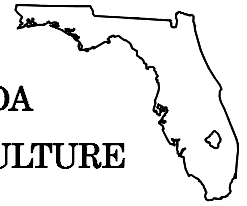


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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued from last month at 1,000,000 bushels. This is the largest crop harvested since the 1991-92 season. Weekly shipments have dropped as the season is almost over.

Cold weather and freezing temperatures that have affected

much of Florida have not penetrated to the harvested area. No leaf or fruit damage has been reported.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments to date total 915,000 bushel equivalents, over 20 percent more than last season to the same date. The total crop is estimated to be up about 20 percent from last season.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2000-01 season,
with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through January	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1990-91	744,500	7,500	752,000
1991-92	1,091,300	19,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	165,500	9,500	175,000
1994-95	762,700	16,300	779,000
1995-96	731,800	12,200	744,000
1996-97	887,800	30,200	918,000
1997-98	935,500	2,500	938,000
1998-99	876,700	14,300	891,000
1999-00	838,700	4,300	843,000
Estimated:			
2000-01	992,200	7,800	1,000,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2000-01 season, with
comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1999-00	2000-01 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through January 29	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	122,000	39,000	91,000	130,000
Hass	6,175,000	706,000	6,808,000	7,514,000
Other	562,000	170,000	494,000	664,000
Total	6,859,000	915,000	7,393,000	8,308,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.